

IC 20-34-3-14**Hearing tests**

Sec. 14. (a) The governing body of each school corporation shall annually conduct an audiometer test or a similar test to determine the hearing efficiency of the following students:

- (1) Students in grade 1, grade 4, grade 7, and grade 10.
- (2) A student who has transferred into the school corporation.
- (3) A student who is suspected of having hearing defects.

(b) A governing body may appoint the technicians and assistants necessary to perform the testing required under this section.

(c) Records of all tests shall be made and continuously maintained by the school corporation to provide information that may assist in diagnosing and treating any student's auditory abnormality. However, diagnosis and treatment shall be performed only on recommendation of an Indiana physician who has examined the student.

(d) The governing body may adopt rules for the administration of this section.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.18.

IC 20-34-3-15**Remedial measures for hearing impaired students**

Sec. 15. (a) Whenever the test required under section 14 of this chapter discloses that the hearing of a student is impaired and the student cannot be taught advantageously in regular classes, the governing body of the school corporation shall provide appropriate remedial measures and correctional devices. The governing body shall advise the student's parent of the proper medical care, attention, and treatment needed. The governing body shall provide approved mechanical auditory devices and prescribe courses in lip reading by qualified, competent, and approved instructors. The state superintendent and the director of the rehabilitation services bureau of the division of disability, aging, and rehabilitative services shall:

- (1) cooperate with school corporations to provide assistance under this section; and
- (2) provide advice and information to assist school corporations in complying with this section.

The governing body may adopt rules for the administration of this section.

(b) Each school corporation may receive and accept bequests and donations for immediate use or as trusts or endowments to assist in meeting costs and expenses incurred in complying with this section. When funds for the full payment of the expenses are not otherwise available in a school corporation, an unexpended balance in the state treasury that is available for the use of local schools and is otherwise unappropriated may be loaned to the school corporation for that purpose by the governor. A loan made by the governor under this section shall be repaid to the fund in the state treasury from which the loan came not more than two (2) years after the date it was advanced. Loans under this section shall be repaid through the levying of taxes in the borrowing school corporation.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.18.